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PRACTICES

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1. BAHRAIN ALWAYS HAS BEEN AND REMAINS A FOLLOWER IN BOYCOTT
AFFAIRS. THE GOB WILL FOLLOW THE MOST LIBERAL POLICY ADOPTED
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BY NEIGHBORING STATES, PARTICULARLY IF SAUDI ARABIA IS IN
THE LEAD. IT IS UNLIKELY ITSELF TO TAKE THE LEAD LOCALLY
OR IN BOYCOTT OFFICE CONFERENCES.

2. IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE WE ARE BEST ABLE TO HELP U.S. FIRMS
HERE BY ASSURING THAT THE GOB IS FULLY AWARE OF THE MOST LIBERAL
PRACTICE IN THE REGION. WE WORK TO ASSURE, PARTICULARLY, THAT

GOB, BANKS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE ARE AWARE OF SAUDI PRACTICES. MOST FIRMS DOING BUSINESS HERE, OR BASED HERE, ALSO DO SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS IN NEARBY STATES, PARTICULARLY IN SAUDI ARABIA, AND USUALLY ARE AWARE OF REGIONAL PRACTICES. OCCASIONALLY WE CAN HELP WITH A SPECIFIC CASE BY BRIEFING A FIRM ON A POINT ABOUT WHICH GOB SEEMS UNINFORMED AND THEN HAVE FIRM MAKE ITS OWN RUNNING WITH GOB. GOB AND LOCAL FIRMS CLEARLY PREFER A PRAGMATIC APPROACH, WORKING WITH A SPECIFIC FIRM ON A SPECIFIC PROBLEM, AND WE DOUBT THAT AS GENERAL PROPOSITION EMBASSY INTERVENTION WOULD ADVANCE THINGS.

3. AS NEW REGULATIONS ARE ABSORBED IN ARAB STATES, AND AS INTERPRETATIONS BASED ON GROWING EXPERIENCE ARE FORMULATED IN WASHINGTON, PERIODIC SUMMARIES OF PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS WOULD BE USEFUL.
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